

New specialty license plates available to NDSU and Ducks Unlimited

Gov. John Hoeven and the North Dakota Department of Transportation announced this week that the North Dakota license plate featuring North Dakota State University's (NDSU) Bison logo and new license plate featuring Ducks Unlimited are a reality.

The plates are the first two organizational plates to be approved under amended legislation passed in 2007. The legislation changed the number of pre-applicants needed from 400 to 50 in order for the plate to be produced.

"The new plates are a great way for citizens to support their favorite North Dakota organizations," said Gov. John Hoeven. "It's a way citizens can showcase their pride in North Dakota while contributing funds to causes or organizations that they support."

With a \$1,500 fee paid up-front and a minimum of 50 buyers, any public and non-profit organization recognized by the internal revenue service as tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) is able to apply for the new organizational plate.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) approved the plates and will now offer them at transportation offices throughout the state. To order a specialty plate go to:

<http://www.dot.nd.gov/docs/motorvehicle/SFN54397.pdf>.

The specialized plate costs \$25 (not including tag renewal fees), with \$15 going to the eligible organization. After the initial purchase, drivers will pay an annual \$25 fee for the specialized plate in addition to the regular tag renewal fees with \$15 going to the organization with each renewal.

The NDDOT worked quickly to implement the legislation that enables these new plates to be displayed on motor vehicles," said NDDOT Director Francis Ziegler. "We are pleased to offer this new option."

There will be 5 numeric characters on the NDSU plate, numbered from 30000-30999, with additional numbers added as the program grows. A vanity plate with up to 5 characters is also available for an additional fee. Visit the NDDOT Motor Vehicle Division website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> to see if your vanity request is available.



The new Ducks Unlimited specialty plate



The new NDSU specialty plate